

July 28, 2004

Marie Brown
Miamiiville Civic Association
P.O. Box 176
Miamiiville, Ohio 45147

Dear Ms. Brown:

For the past year I have been concerned about the placement of the WWTP in Miamiiville. When your group first made the accusation that the decision to place the WWTP had been predetermined by the Board of County Commissioners, I made certain that no conclusions had been drawn. We as a Board have worked very hard to make certain that this process is open and have included your organization in every step of the process. We have gone above and beyond what is statutorily required to include your organization in the exploration of this issue.

I have sat by quietly and watched members of your group question the integrity and honesty of the Board as well as threaten political retribution. Clearly, your members have the right to engage in this type of conduct if they so choose, including threatening political retribution and I have no quarrel with that. However, I have recently learned of the disgusting and childish behavior of several members of your group at the Clermont County Fair Parade. Your Association and it's members who do value the process and what each member has brought to the table should be embarrassed by the antics of these fellow members. To hang a toilet seat around your neck with the name of commissioners scratched out and follow a parade entry so closely that it ruins the experience for those watching is both rude and boring behavior. Clearly, the purpose of these antics was to either intimidate or tarnish the image of both Commissioners Walker and Proud. Ironically, instead of serving it's purpose as designed it simply confirms for the public that some members of your group operate on the lunatic fringe. Simply stated, acts of members of your group toward Commissioners Walker and Proud were outrageous and detracted from the spirit of the fair.

Let me assure you and the members of your group that antics as witnessed at the Clermont County Fair, threats of political retribution, and character assassination will have no positive impact on your image or on my final decision on where to place this plant. I know for an absolute fact that Commissioners Walker, Proud and I have held no significant conversations on where to place this plant. We will have no debate on this matter until all information has been gathered by the administration. I believe the final decision will be made on August 10, 2004. As always, you are welcome to attend this meeting. As a courtesy I have copied you on my correspondence to our administration concerning this matter. It is only fair that you understand my position While your group has the right to engage in any conduct they choose including name calling, intimidation and character assassination, I have the right to ignore it and intend to do so.

Best Regards,

R. Scott Croswell III

c: Commissioners Walker and Proud, David L. Spinney, Tom Yeager, Theresa Herron